GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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KOCHI REFINERIES
P.C. THOMAS

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether rubberised bitumin made in Kochi Refineries Limited, Kerala has been fully exhausted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the capacity for KRL to make such Tar commercially;

(d) whether any capacity expansion is planned;

(e) whether there are other production centres in the country where rubberised Bitumin is produced using natural rubber latex; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (c) Kochi Refineries Limited (KRL) commissioned the natural rubbermodified bitumen (NRMB) production plant with a capacity of 15,000 metric tonnes per annum (MTPA) in 1999. The entire quantity is being taken by the State Government of Kerala.

(d) The Board of KRL have approved in January, 2002 a proposal to increase the NRMB production capacity to 65,000 MTPA.

(e) & (f) It is understood that M/s Hindustan Colas have recently started production of NRMB at Chennai.